

# GFHP US Student Housing IV Investor Presentation

An opportunity to invest in a portfolio of student housing assets in the United States through a Shari'a compliant structure.

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# Fund Summary & Key Merits



With U.S. college enrollment surpassing 20 million students, the student housing market is strained by limited supply and growing demand resulting in promising investment opportunities in this sector.

# Investment Opportunity

Key Highlights

A fund comprised of income yielding and development student housing assets in the United States.

Fund Size	Cash on Cash Yield	
us\$ <b>85m</b>	8.25%	
Return on Investment	Fund Term	
<b>11</b> % p.a.	4 Years	

# Investment Merits

Robust Fundamentals & Strong Foundations

Solid sector with strong fundamentals and potential for further growth.

#### **Robust Fundamentals**



#### **Strong Foundations**



#### Strategically Aligned

Best in class, highly experienced operators with extensive experience in student housing.



#### Experienced Asset Manager

Recently exited a portfolio of over 1,250 delivering returns above initial business plan to investors.

Newly launched funds with over 3,200 beds have been fully subscribed and performing in line and above the business plan.



#### Attractive Asset Class

Inflation-hedged asset class with current yield and capital appreciation.

# Market Rationale



# Market Overview

Source: Yardi, Cushman & Wakefield, Berkadia, CBR

### Market Summary 2024

#### Strong Enrollment Growth

US universities saw an increase of approximately 200,000 in undergraduate enrollments in spring 2024, driving up demand for student housing, particularly in rapidly growing regions like the Sun Belt.

#### **Demand-Supply Imbalance**

Despite the addition of about 28,000 new US student housing beds in 2024, this supply falls short of meeting the high demand generated by increasing enrollments, leading to a continued shortage in available student housing.

#### Limited Construction Activity

High interest rates and rising construction costs have slowed down the development of new student housing projects in the US, contributing to reduced pipeline of new housing supply expected by 2025-2026.

#### Student Preference for Purpose-Built Housing

There is a growing trend of US students preferring purpose-built student housing over multifamily apartments, due to the tailored amenities, proximity to campus, and lease structures aligned with the academic calendar.

#### Performance Dashboard for Year Ended 2023



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# Market Fundamentals

### Preleasing and Annual Rent Growth

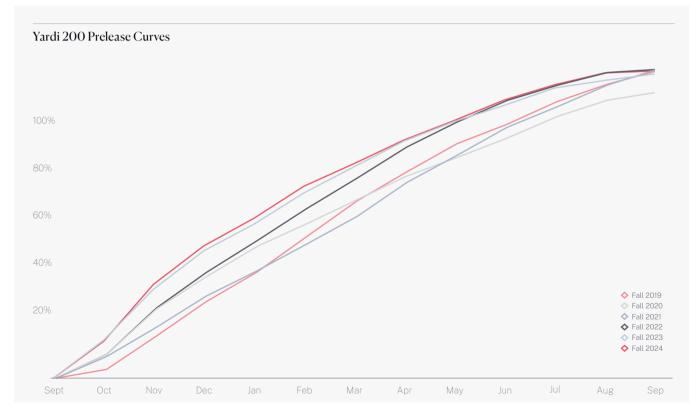
#### Yardi 200 Prelease Curves

Preleasing for the Yardi 200 schools reached 90% in August 2024, matching the rate from May 2023

#### Yardi 200 Annual Rent Growth

Average rent per bed was around \$900 in May 2024, up c.5% from the previous year and 0.1% from April 2024 .

Student housing has shown resilience compared to the broader multifamily sector, driven by increasing enrollments and limited new supply, ensuring steady demand and rent growth. Rising enrollments have driven strong demand for student housing, contributing to its robust performance despite varying market conditions.



Source: Yardi Matrix

# Market Fundamentals

### Student Accommodation Construction and Pipeline

#### **Student Housing Construction**

The US is experiencing a significant student housing shortage due to strong demand driven by enrollment growth. Undergraduate enrollment saw an increase of approximately 359,000 new students, heightening the demand for housing.

This enrollment surge, especially at large state universities, has outpaced the development of new housing, leading to a severe shortage. About 28,000 new student housing beds are expected to be delivered in 2024, but this number is insufficient to meet the growing demand.

Northeast 32 Properties Midwest Total Beds 15.900 43 Properties **Rocky Mountains** Total Beds 21.400 Properties 13 Total Beds 6.400 West Coast Properties 35 Total Beds 19.900 Southeast 59 Properties Texas/Oklahoma Total Beds 36,700 Total 17 Properties Properties 199 Total Beds 9.200 Total Beds 109.500 Source: Berkadia

Student Housing Demand and Supply Imbalance

#### Sources: Berkadia



### **Investment Strategy**

Invest in high-quality purpose-built student housing properties close proximity to top-tier public 4-year universities, and drive value through leasing/marketing strategy, operational efficiencies, and strategic capital upgrades.

The immediate pipeline is a collection of student housing properties. The Asset Manager will select assets with a total fund size equivalent to up to US\$ 85 million.







Sources: Berkadia; Real Capital Analytics; CoStar. Based on properties \$2.5M or greater.



Asset 1 and 2 has been closed/acquired, while Asset 3 is under contract and will be closed upon the completion and satisfactory outcome of the due diligence. Asset 3 and Asset 4 are subject to change as due diligence progresses. Should the above not materialize, the investment team may pursue other potential student housing opportunities) or add/replace properties that fit within the parameters/criteria set out.

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## Portfolio Composition

Strategy	Asset 1	Asset 2	Asset 3	Asset 4
Туре	Development	Core Plus	Core Plus	Core Plus
Location	Knoxville, Tennessee	Lexington, Kentucky	Denton, Texas	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Adjacent University	University of Tennessee	University of Kentucky	University of North Texas	University of Minnesota
University Classification	Power 5 & R1 Research	Power 5 & R1 Research	NCAA Division 1 & R1 Research	Power 5 & R1 Research
Distance to Campus	0.3 miles	0.2 miles	0.3 miles	0.4 miles
Year Built	Delivery 2026	2009	2011	2018
Number of Beds	605	649	432	470
Number of Units	202	266	120	215
Jnit Mix	Studio-5 bedroom	1-4 bedroom	2-4 bedroom	Studio-4 bedroom
Current Occupancy	N/A	98%	100%	97%
Average Rent per Bed	\$1,388	\$751	\$775	\$846
Parking Space	380 spaces	531 spaces	63 spaces	139 spaces
Market Size	36,000 students	33,000 students	46,000 students	54,000 students

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# Asset 1 - Knoxville, Tennessee

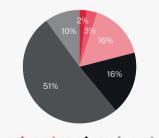
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### Asset Overview



Unit Mix (Beds)



#### Studio 🔶 1 Bed 🔶 2 Bed 🔶 3 Bed 🔶 4 Bed 🔶 5 Bed

### **Asset Merits**

#### **Record Dynamic Enrollment Growth**

UTK witnessed its largest enrollment in Fall 2023, with a 7.4% year-over-year increase (totaling more than 36,000 students). Furthermore, the university experienced around 90% retention rate and aims to enroll 46,0000 students by 2030.

#### **Top Performing Student Housing Market**

University of Tennessee's ("UTK") purpose-built student housing market recorded a 23.5% year-over-year rent growth for Fall 2024, ranking it the first in student housing market fundamentals by Yardi Matrix, and led the nation in rent growth for the second consecutive year.

#### **Plans for Infrastructural Enhancements**

The university's campus design is almost complete, leaving the campus now with pedestrian-friendly renovated aesthetic, large areas of open green space, uniform building design, restoration of existing facilities as well as new construction facilities. The aim is to also expand on its infrastructural progress through construction and renovation of new student housing, athletic and recreation, facilities, research buildings, and river access.

# Asset 1 - Knoxville, Tennessee

### Asset Location

Gallery



#### Location

Located along Tennessee River in eastern Tennessee, and is just about 3 hours away from Nashville, Tennessee, Knoxville is with 112 miles of paved greenways and natural trails. Unparalleled views with direct access to the main retail corridors and just below a half mile from many on the on-campus destinations.



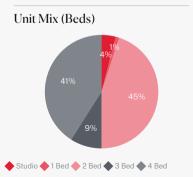
# Asset 2 - Lexington, Kentucky

### **Asset Details**

	Asset 2
Туре	Core Plus
Location	Lexington, Kentucky
Adjacent University	University of Kentucky
University Classification	Power 5 & R1 Research
Distance to Campus	0.2 miles
Year Built	2009
Number of Beds	649
Number of Units	266
Unit Mix	1-4 bedroom
Current Occupancy	98%
Average Rent per Bed	\$751
Parking Space	531 spaces
Market Size	33,000 students

### Asset Overview





### Asset Merits

#### **Recent CapEx Enhancements**

The previous owner recently spent US\$ 3 million on common area renovations and enhancements over the last 3 years.

#### **Fully Amenitized**

Facilities include 24-hour state of the art fitness center, resort style pool, yoga studio, study spaces, outdoor garden, BBQ areas, newly renovated clubhouse, and game lounge.

#### Supply Capacity

The University of Kentucky currently offers 8,200 beds on-campus. With enrollment expected to grow in the upcoming years, the supply and demand gap is only anticipated to widen, especially since the available units get rented on a compulsory basis to freshman students.

# Asset 2 - Lexington, Kentucky

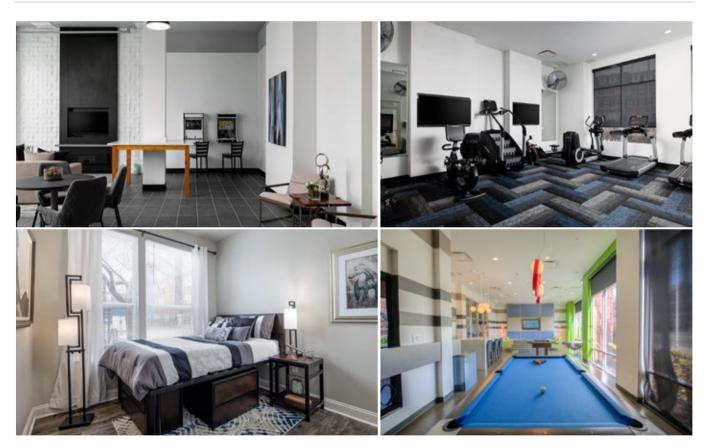
### Asset Location

# Gallery



#### Location

The building is located in close proximity to the town as well as the university. Additionally, in the 2020 census the city's population was 322,570, making it the second-most populous city in Kentucky, and the 60th-most populous city in the United States. By land area, it is the country's 30th-largest city.



# Asset 3 - Denton, Texas

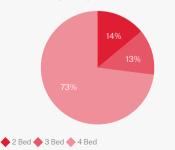
### **Asset Details**

	Asset 3
Туре	Core Plus
Location	Denton, Texas
Adjacent University	University of North Texas
University Classification	NCAA Division 1 & R1 Research
Distance to Campus	0.3 miles
Year Built	2011
Number of Beds	432
Number of Units	120
Unit Mix	2-4 bedroom
Current Occupancy	100%
Average Rent per Bed	\$775
Parking Space	63 spaces
Market Size	46,000 students

### Asset Overview



#### Unit Mix (Beds)



### Asset Merits

#### **Recent CapEx Enhancements**

204 beds of the total 432 renovated beds are achieving \$50 premiums and once all rooms are factored in, the property is expected to achieve 10% rent growth for the upcoming academic year.

#### Fully Amenitized and Recently Renovated

This community offers a wide variety of amenities like complimentary coffee, 24 hours fitness and business centers, game room, a clubhouse, resort-style pools, and a tanning salon.

#### **Supply Capacity**

No future off-campus developments planned as of now on the Cleveland street.

# Asset 3 - Denton, Texas

### Asset Location



#### Location

Situated on Cleveland street, local residents have convenient access to a number of attractions nearby such as cafes, thrift shops,

# Gallery



# Other Potential Student Housing Opportunities

The Asset Manager has an active pipeline of student housing assets that will be pursued in the event that the targeted assets presented do not progress post due diligence reviews.

Assets	Beds	Year Built	University	Total Enrollment	Profile	Current Occupancy
1	210	2016	Uni of Georgia	40,118	Core +	99%
2	382	2021	Appalachian State Uni	21,253	Core +	100%
3	482	2007	Uni of Illinois	33,522	Value Add	99%
4	544	2016	Oklahoma State Uni	26,007	Core +	100%

# Investment Selection Criteria

The Fund will capitalize on the following themes that are driving strong fundamentals within the student housing space in the US:

Robust enrollment growth expected at Tier-1 universities across undergraduate and graduate programs.

Education affordability is driving increasing market share to top public universities.

University budgets remain constrained, limiting new supply to accommodate enrollment.

Purpose-built student housing assets remain undersupplied at Tier-1 university markets.

Inflation-hedged asset class with current yield and capital appreciation.

Objective	Consistent Yield	Total Return Enhancement
Allocation	Majority	Minority
Strategy of the Fund	Stabilized Income Generating Properties	Development
Targeted Asset(s)	As selected or according to the criteria set out in "Investment Selection Criteria"	Villas at Knoxville, Tennessee
Constituents Features	<ul> <li>Top tier markets</li> <li>US public 4-year universities</li> <li>Strong academics and athletics programs</li> <li>High-quality amenitized student housing</li> <li>Close proximity, pedestrian assets</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Strong university market with undersupply of student housing beds</li> <li>Limited land around the campus due to terrain restrictions to develop, restraining new supply</li> <li>Strong developer profile</li> <li>No pre-development risk (shovel ready)</li> <li>Secured construction financing</li> <li>Airtight construction contracts</li> </ul>
Business Plan	<ul> <li>Leasing/marketing strategy capturing rent growth</li> <li>Operational efficiencies improving cost structure</li> <li>Strategic capital upgrades to competitively position the properties</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Develop the property</li> <li>Lease up the first cycle of operations</li> <li>Stabilize the occupancy</li> <li>Dispose and realize the investment</li> </ul>

In the event that the assets presented do not materialize, then alternative properties may be added/replaced that will fit within the parameters/criteria set. The Asset Manager reserves the right to increase the total Subscription Proceeds to US\$ 120 million by pursuing new investments that meet the Investment Selection Criteria.

# Asset Manager

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### Profile

# **Geographical Presence**

# Fund Professionals



AUM	US\$ 6 billion
Offices	6
Employees	15+

# Locations & Subsidiaries



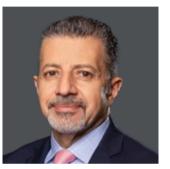
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### Performance

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	Exited	Current	
Fund	Diversified US Student Housing Portfolio	Diversified US Student Housing Portfolio II	US Student Housing Portfolio III
Size	US\$ 114 million	US\$ 260 million	US\$ 300 million
Acquisition Date	2021	2022	2023
Exited	Dec 2023	-	-
ROI	11%	-	-



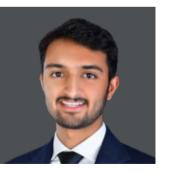
Nael Mustafa Chief Executive Officer



Talal Al Mahroos Chief Operating Officer



Abdulla Aamer Director



**Omar Al Bader** Manager

# Operating Partners



## SQAsset Management



Founded	2013
AUM	\$1.4+ billion
Number of Beds	13,900+
Track Record	Net IRR of 21%

Assets Under Management US\$1.4bn

Net IRR

21%



Andy Feinour

President and CEO

Andy Layton Chief Aquisition Officer



Stephanie Lynch Chief Financial & Investment Officer



Keith Jernigan COO & General Counsel

# Vesper Holdings





Net IRR

48%

#### Assets Under Management





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